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DECLARATION OF JOEY C. MONTOYA

I, Joey C. Montoya, hereby declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am an attorney duly authorized to practice law before the CIT and the State of New Mexico, and am a party to this action. The facts attested below are known to me of my own personal knowledge and if called upon to testify regarding them, I could and would competently do so.
- 2. I am a named party in the within action, filed in the United States District Court, Central District of California, although I have absolutely no connection to or contact with the State of California.
- 3. I am not now, nor have I ever been, licensed to practice law in the State of California, nor have I at any time conducted any business in the State of California.
- 4. Not only do I lack any business connection with the State of California, but I have no personal contact or connection there. In fact, I have lived in New Mexico the entirety of my life as of the date of this Declaration, and currently reside in Santa Fe, New Mexico.
- 5. Additionally, the entirety of my education was obtained in the State of New Mexico, including high school, college, and law school none in California.
- 6. Upon completing law school (in New Mexico), I became employed by the law firm of Hume & Associates, also located in New Mexico, in or about August 2015. In fact, I had only been employed with Hume & Associates approximately five (5) months prior to the filing of the instant action naming me as a party.
- 7. At no time have I ever been employed in any capacity within the State of California.
- 8. I visited California once in my life, in 2008, for three (3) days total during a post-college "road trip" with friends. Those three (3) days are the extent of any contact I have ever had with the State of California.

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1	9. In the course of my employment as an attorney with Hume & Associates, I
2	sometimes executed filings with the Department of Commerce; however, these filings are
3	not filed in the State of California.
4	I declare, under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California and the
5	United States, that the foregoing is true and correct.
6	Executed this 7 th day of March, 2016, at Sante Fe, New Mexico.
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